



Mark & The Master: God of the Living

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Part 2 – What You See Is NOT A Reliable Measure Of What Lays Ahead

- How does our approach to the death of a loved one show how we do or don't buy into valuing & measuring life by the here & now?

Is it fair, for example, after the sudden death of a younger person, "(s)he died way too soon!"?

(check out 1 Corinthians 2:9 and 1 John 3:2)

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